

DRAFT
PUBLIC MINUTES

THE COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

OF

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

October 19, 2018

State Bar of California Offices
845 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California

A meeting of the Committee of Bar Examiners of The State Bar of California convened in open session at 9:10 a.m., Friday, October 19, 2018, in a meeting room at the State Bar offices in Los Angeles, James P. Fox, Chair, presiding. Officers and members present were: James P. Fox, Chair, Esther P. Lin, Vice-Chair, Angeli O. Agatep, M.D., James A. Bolton, Ph.D., Robert S. Brody, Alex H. Chan, James H. Efting, Judith K. Gillespie, Kareem Gongora, Dolores Heisinger, Michael A. Iseri, Paul A. Kramer, Alexander C. Lawrence, Jr., Bethany J. Peak and Judge Shelly B. Torrealba, Members. Member Patricia M. Villalobos entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and member Larry Kaplan entered the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Member David A. Torres was absent. State Bar staff members in attendance were: Donna Hershkowitz, Chief Programs Office; Amy C. Nuñez, Director III, Admissions; Lisa Jeong Cummins, Program Manager III, Examinations; Mark Torres-Gil, Program Manager III, Moral Character Determinations; Natalie Leonard, Program Manager III; Christina Doell, Program Manager I; Tammy Campbell, Program Manager I; Kim Wong, Administrative Supervisor; Destie Overpeck, Attorney III; and Joanna Mendoza, Board of Trustee Member. Also in attendance were: Associate Dean Amy Barr, Dean Greg Brandes, Dean Maren Carmona, Dean Jackie Gardina, Dean Jay Frykberg, Dean George Leal, Dean Andrea Lua, Dean Laura Palazzolo, Dean Aaron Schwabach, Bernadette Agaton, Samantha Steed, and Andre Verdun. The open session portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 10:40 a.m., at which time the meeting went into closed session. The Committee meeting reconvened into open session at approximately 2:15 p.m. and the open session portion concluded at approximately 4:15 p.m. The Committee meeting went into closed session at 4:30 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND 2018-2019 COMMITTEE
YEAR SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

It was unanimously agreed that the Subcommittee assignments for the 2018 – 2019 Committee year be received and filed.

**DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ADMISSION CEREMONIES
FOR SUCCESSFUL JULY 2018 CALIFORNIA BAR EXAMINATION APPLICANTS**

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the following members represent the Committee at the designated Admissions Ceremonies, which will be conducted for the purpose of admitting applicants who are successful on the July 2018 California Bar Examination and who have met all other requirements for admission:

Fresno – David Torres
Pasadena – James Bolton
Oakland Convention Center – James Efting
Orange County – Robert Brody
Riverside – Judith Gillespie
Sacramento – Paul Kramer
San Diego – James Bolton
and Ventura – Shelly Torrealba

AUGUST 24, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETING PUBLIC MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the minutes taken during the public session of the meetings on August 24, 2018, be approved with member Michael Iseri abstaining.

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2018 KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS

It was by common consent agreed that the August and September 2018 Key Indicators for the Office of Admissions/Committee of Bar Examiners be received and filed.

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 7 AND 8, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETING

It was by common consent agreed that the schedule for the December 7 and 8, 2018 Meeting, which will be held at the State Bar of California Offices in San Francisco, California, be received and filed.

EXAMINATIONS

PROPOSED 2018 – 2019 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the proposed 2018 – 2019 goals for the Subcommittee on Examinations be approved.

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

JUNE 2018 FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS' EXAMINATION COST ANALYSIS

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the report on costs for administering the June 2018 First-Year Law Students' Examination be received and filed.

JULY 2018 CALIFORNIA BAR EXAMINATION COST ANALYSIS

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the report on costs for administering the July 2018 California Bar Examination be received and filed.

PROPOSED 2018 – 2019 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the proposed 2018 – 2019 goals the Subcommittee on Operations and Management be approved.

EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF GUIDELINE 6.5(A)

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the petition submitted by the law school on behalf of potential J.D. candidate seeking a waiver of the 84-month limitation for the completion of law study to earn a Juris Doctor degree under Guideline 6.5(A) of the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules* be received and filed; that the petition be denied; and that the school be directed to advise the candidate of this decision within fifteen days of receipt so that she may choose whether and how to continue her law study.

**THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW PETITION FOR CALIFORNIA
ACCREDITATION AND ACQUIESCENCE TO NON-J.D. PROGRAMS**

It was moved, seconded and duly carried that the application for Thomas Jefferson School of Law (TJSOL) for Accreditation by the Committee of Bar Examiners (Committee), and its request for a waiver of all Rules found in the *Accredited Law School Rules* relating to the process and timing of Committee accreditation, be received and filed; that the Committee confirm that TJSOL is currently deemed accredited as a California Accredited Law School; that if TJSOL's ABA accreditation and approval is withdrawn, waivers of Rules 4.121 through 4.145 of the *Accredited Law School Rules* be granted; that the application for accreditation be granted, effective October 19, 2018; that the Committee acquiesce to the school's non-J.D. LL.M., M.S.L. and J.S.D. programs; and, that the school's name be included on the list of law schools accredited by the Committee effective immediately. This would be conditioned upon the school's agreement to undergo a full inspection within twelve months of any lapse of ABA accreditation and to pay all inspection fees assessed by the State Bar of California under the Schedule of Charges and Deadlines.

NOTICE OF CHANGES IN LAW SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

It was by common consent agreed that the notice from California Southern School of Law of the appointment of Virginia Suveiu as Interim Dean, effective September 2018 be received and filed.

PROPOSED 2018 – 2019 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the proposed 2018 – 2019 goals for the Subcommittee on Educational Standards be approved.

MORAL CHARACTER

PROPOSED 2018 – 2019 SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

It was by common consent agreed that the proposed 2018 – 2019 goals for the Subcommittee on Moral Character be approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded all the business scheduled for consideration during the open and closed sessions of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m., Friday, October 19, 2018.